

The News Wishes Its Readers a Merry Christmas,
and Hopes the Readers Won't Forget the News.

\$1. a year in advance. Of course, if you are a borrower, it costs you less. If you know some news, tell it to us.

Baxter Springs News.

Phone No. 99. Central will plug you in at any time. Give us the news, and we will make the News newsy. See?

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If You Want Anything in

HARDWARE

Go to MICHENER'S

We carry everything in Hardware, from a harness needle to the highest priced Range.

We have in stock three kinds of Oil Stoves, the Perfection, the Monarch, and the New Process, all first class stoves.

We have Garden and Field Seeds in their season.

Barb and Smooth Wire; Poultry and Stock; Wire Nails; Guns; Ammunition; Pocket Knives; all kinds of Builder's Hardware, and 10,000 other things kept in a first-class hardware store.

E. M. MICHENER.

GREETINGS

TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS:

In plain and simply language, and with each word pregnant with truth and sincerity, we offer you the compliments of the season and tender you our thanks for your goodness to us during the past year.

Your support has been generous to a degree, even beyond our fondest expectations, and your many kind words conveyed to us have been an inspiration and have served as an impetus in many weary hours of toil.

Again we greet you, and express the wish that the new year about to be born may be one of great prosperity, contentment and happiness to you and to those who are dear to you.

THE NEWS.

Wonder if you have thought of the News during the rush incident to getting ready for Christmas. It may be that you owe the News, you know. If you do, don't you think it would be a good time to pay up, so the News gang could have some Christmas, too?

Special Discount on Toys and Dolls.

We have decided to try and close out all our toys and dolls, and in order to do so will give a

SPECIAL DISCOUNT OF 20 PER CENT

on these lines.

Come in now, while these lines are yet complete, and let us lay away what you want.

We have a larger assortment of

Christmas Candies

this year than ever before, and are selling the complete line at

10c a Pound.

Cheaper grades at 5c a pound.

Special prices on candies to schools and churches.

Just received, one each of the new styles of

EDISON DIAMOND DISC PHONOGRAPHS

and they are sure beauties. Call and hear them and get our easy payment proposition.

J. W. GRANTHAM,

Surely the Santa Claus headquarters.

COOPER GROCERY SPECIALS

48 pounds Queen of Lyons flour	\$1.45
6 cans Hominy	.25
10 bars Diamond "C" soap	.25
4 pounds Pinto beans	.25
2 pounds Newport coffee	.25
2 cans Spinach	.25
3 packages Krumbs	.25
5 pound bag Pickwick Buckwheat flour	.30
3 packages Punch pancake flour	.25
1 pound Wa-Na Cocoa	.40
2 1/2 pound can New Orleans syrup	.20
6 pounds Oatmeal (bulk)	.25
1 pound Wm. Penn cheese	.25
1 set white cups and saucers	.50
1 set white plates	.50

Why pay the price for Navy beans when you can buy 1 large can of Pork and Beans for 10
Fine line of China at and below cost.

JIM HARMON, Straw Boss.

Phone 197

Announcement!

OUR FILLING STATION

Gives you absolutely pure gasoline. Can supply
DAY OR NIGHT.

We handle the

BEST OF LUBRICATING OILS

adapted to all makes of cars.

All Kinds of Expert Repairing

Ozark Trail Garage

John I. Cooper, Manager.

Phone 266.

Christmas Greeting

We wish to extend the season's greetings to our patrons, and wish you a Merry Christmas. We thank you for the patronage and favors we have received, and assure you that it is appreciated.

Yours for a Merry Christmas

McWILLIAMS

5c, 10c and 25c STORE

C. B. Berry is recovering from a bad attack of grip.

Ed. Gainer, who has been quite sick with grip, is better.

Leslie Meyerding of Kansas City was here the latter part of last week to visit relatives.

L. Murray Perkins is recovering from a sick spell.

Mrs. Louisa Otten is quite sick at her home on West Sheridan.

Mrs. Theresa Meyerding of Anadarko, Okla., is here to see her mother, Mrs. Louisa Otten, who is ill.

L. F. Muehlhauser is here from Stoud, Okla., to see his mother, Mrs. Louisa Otten, who is quite ill.

Tom McBride has just finished a nice house in the Third ward. He built the house to suit, and tells us he has it rented for a year.

The state fire marshal is looking into the cause of so many fires in Baxter Springs. It is hardly possible there will not be so many fires in future.

We still have a plentiful supply of Xmas toys. Get in on the free dolls by buying your toys and candy from us.

Baxter Supply Co.

Charged With Arson

L. H. Rossmann and A. O. Rossmann Arrested at the Instance of State Fire Marshal.

Last Friday evening Marshal Hinton, accompanied by an Oklahoma officer, went to the home of Ben Quapaw, a few miles southeast of this city, and placed under arrest Louie Rossmann and his brother, A. O. Rossmann. They are charged with arson in the burning of the dwelling house of A. O. Rossmann, which was destroyed by fire one night last spring.

W. B. Simms, deputy state fire marshal, was here for several days week before last looking into the affair, we are told, and after his investigation he decided to have the arrests made.

The News has for some time been acquainted with what purports to be the facts in the case, but as to their truth we are not prepared to say.

The men were taken to Columbus, where they were arraigned before Justice Pattysen.

Financial Excellence

A reference to the city treasurer's statement elsewhere in this paper will disclose the fact that Baxter Springs is in mighty good financial condition. And it will be in better financial condition about the first of February, when the county treasurer makes his big dividend. And, too, some time in January there will be \$1500 more bonds paid off. In May another batch will be retired, and in June the last of the old dan bonds will be wiped out. In fact in the neighborhood of six thousand dollars will be paid off during 1916.

The debt of Baxter Springs does not hurt even a little bit.

The city administration ought to get busy and do things to make the town look better. Let's have some fire protection, and let's have some sewers.

They Said

That David hadn't a ghost of a show with Colliath.

They said the cows would ditch Stevenson's locomotive.

They said the Germans wouldn't last 30 minutes with the Allies.

They said we wouldn't be here long, but we are still here.

They said we couldn't undersell others, but we do.

Baxter Supply Co., next to P. O.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will give a musical program at the church on Friday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Frisco in the Game.

We are willing to bet our old shirt, or an old hat, even, that the Frisco builds a line from Baxter Springs out to Picher and Cardin, and that work will begin long before the roses bloom again. And anyone else who desires to bet the way we offer to bet will be perfectly safe.

Fact of the matter is, this is what is going to happen, but we can not violate the confidence of the man who told us all about it. He told us we could say all we wanted to about the matter, just so we did not tell who told us, and there you are.

Here is the guess, and just watch the developments the next week or so, and see how close we come to it: The Frisco will run a line to Picher and Cardin. Work will begin mighty soon.

Work will begin at a point on the Frisco near the Kansas-Oklahoma line, just south of town; the material has been ordered, and work getting right of way is going on.

Just watch this prediction.

Picher to Grow.

It is the belief of railroad officials that Picher is going to make a better camp than Commerce. That is why the Frisco and M. O. & G. are both going to build to Picher. They argue that if such men as the Gagenbeins, the Swifts, the Armours and the Pichers feel that they have a good thing it is time to get out there and get a lot of the business.

We are glad that both the roads mentioned will be built into Baxter Springs from that thriving burg.

3 Big Dolls Free

We are the people who are willing to give you something for your patronage, while others put you on the back and thank you a dozen times. Give us a chance and we will get your business if quality and price are any inducements.

Baxter Supply Co.

Kelly Carmichael is laid up with the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hask were Joplin visitors Saturday.

John Frank Noble is home from St. Louis to spend the holidays.

Mrs. M. E. Roddy entertained the "As You Like It" club Monday afternoon.

W. T. Gregory is making headway with his building at the corner of River and Military streets.

We Wish

You a

Merry

Christmas

The

Baxter National Bank

WE ARE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

Don't Drop It

A little boy with a piece of cake in his hand was watching his father stop the hogs. He dropped his cake and it was immediately swallowed by a hog.

There are lots of people who drop their money in just this manner and there is always a lot of people who are glad to get what you let loose of. Of course we would not call them hogs, but they are none the less eager to get what you drop. If you keep your money in a good reliable bank like ours and talk with your banker regarding investments you won't drop your money.

OURS IS THE ONLY BANK IN BAXTER SPRINGS IN WHICH DEPOSITS ARE

GUARANTEED.

Baxter State Bank

Mrs. A. L. Harvey has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, to be with her mother, Mrs. Hattie Goodwin, who is to have an operation performed on one ear.

W. D. Jarrett was here from Milrose Monday. Mr. Jarrett is in the real estate business at Milrose, and says business is very good.